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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**MASUDA et al.**

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**For: LOAD DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND  
CLIENT-SERVER SYSTEM**

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**RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2008 and the Interview Summary dated July 3, 2008, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 30, 2008. An RCE is concurrently filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: